

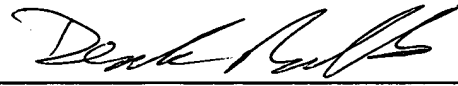
**REMARKS**

This amendment is supplemental to the amendment timely filed on July 11, 2001 and merely corrects a typographical error, corrects dependencies, and adds a dependent claim.

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Manufacturing Same

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE ACCOMPANYING  
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO JANUARY 19, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

In the Claims

The claims have been amended as follows. Underlines indicate insertions  
and ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions.

--20. (Amended) Plastic-based composite product comprising a plastic  
mass in which particles are homogeneously embedded, which particles have  
tensile strength in a first particle direction, said product having a chosen principal  
product direction,

wherein the particles comprise:

small particles being elongated plates ~~of~~ or fibres and having a random  
orientation and a length of 0.2-2 mm; and

large particles dominantly orientated such that their first particle direction  
is in said chosen principal product direction, said large particles having a length  
in the first particle direction of about 2-6 mm.

particle direction: at least 6 MPa

- tensile stress modulus in first particle direction: at least 3 GPa

- tensile strength transversely of first particle direction: at least 0.3 MPa
- tensile stress modulus transversely of the first particle direction: at least 1 GPa.

30. (Amended) Product as claimed in claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein the particles include fibres of natural cellulose polymer.

31. (Amended) Product as claimed in claim 25, wherein the polymer material is a material selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polystyrene, polyethylene or polyacrylate.--

New claim 40 has been added.

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